

Prayer before the Crib



Lord Jesus, as we stand before you here at the crib, our thoughts turn to you, to Mary and to Joseph on that first Christmas.

You welcomed the visiting shepherds.

May our family receive visitors with a warm welcome and open heart.



You welcomed the wise men, who brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

May our family always give you the gifts of our faith, our hope and our love.

Help us to follow you more closely in the coming year.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph pray for us and walk with us. AMEN.



Loving God, thank you for giving us this moment to celebrate your birth.

As we visit this crib may we be blessed on our journey of faith.

May the presence of the child Jesus, be a blessing for our homes and our families.

As we pray at this crib may we remember that Jesus was born of Mary and cared for by Joseph.

May we learn from them how to care for each other and for our needy world.

May we like the shepherds go from visiting our crib to share the Good News with everyone we meet.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Be near me Lord Jesus,
I ask you to stay
close by me forever
and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children
in your tender care
and take us to Heaven
to live with thee there.

Our Father, Who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy Will be done,
on earth as it is in Heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass
against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Hail Mary, full of grace.
Our Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy
womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.
Amen

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning,
is now,
and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen.

